UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Darren KIM, et al.

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Device

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir

Transmitted herewith is an Amended Appeal Brief in response to the second Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated September 29, 2006. Applicant objects to the fact that this notice was not sent until approximately 17 months AFTER its appeal brief was originally filed, and further objects to the fact that USPTO has now sent two such notices. No explanation is given as to why the alleged problem identified in the second notice was not identified in the first notice. The original priority application was filed over eight (8) years ago, and this application has been pending for over five (5) years. The USPTO's actions have significantly delayed the processing of the application to the substantial prejudice of the applicant.

This Second Amended Appeal Brief differs from the first Amended Appeal Brief only in the Summary of Claimed Subject Matter, where the subject matter of the independent claims is now specifically referenced by page and line numbers from the specification and reference characters from the figures, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v).

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- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>501395</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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